

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

ABSTRACT

An intervertebral implant having a central axis (1) substantially parallel to or coaxial with the spinal column's longitudinal axis ~~and comprising~~including: (A) an upper and a lower terminal part (2; 3) and a convex joint element. Each of the upper and lower terminal parts have ~~each having an~~ outermost surface (5; 6) configured transversely to the central axis (1). Each of the terminal parts ~~each to come to rest against the end surfaces of two adjacent vertebrae and each being opposite a first and second concave inner surface (7; 8), respectively. The~~ ; and (B) a convex joint element (4) is situated between the terminal parts (2; 3) and resting-rests in a sliding manner against the first and second concave inner surfaces (7; 8) of the two terminal parts (2; 3). ~~The~~ ; where (C) the first concave surface (7) is a partial surface of a first rotationally symmetrical external surface (11) about the axis of rotation (12) transverse to the central axis (1). ~~The~~ ; and (D) the second concave inner surface (8) of a second rotationally symmetrical conical external surface (16) about the axis of rotation (14) transverse to the central axis (1).